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FASTER AND FASTER

The trend these days is speed, and we travel faster and faster-mostly through the air, the new highway.

A few days ago Major Robert M. White flew the now-famous rocket plane, the X-15 at an estimated 2700 miles per hour. This is covering about 45 miles a minute. And the X-15 is expected to fly much faster than this.

At these extremely high speeds all kinds of problems are encountered. One of the most perplexing is the problem of how to keep the metal in the X-15 from melting because of the intense heat caused by friction.

When aircraft reach speeds of 2700 miles per hour that is, passenger aircraft the flight from New York to London will take less than an hour. Already plans are on the boards for a passenger plane which will cruise at about 1200 m. p. h. This is about twice the speed of today's jets. This speed will make the New York - London trip a flight of only 2 hours and fifteen minutes! This will probably be a reality in ten years.

But the really high speeds will come in rockets. To reach the other planets speeds of 15,000 miles per hour, and above, are already contemplated. At this speed if rockets were used for travel between countries of this earth, the trip from New York to London would take only ten minutes! (Speeds very close to this have already been achieved by rockets.)

In other words for those who said the day of adventure was over we would predict that the age of real adventure - adventure into outer space is at its dawn! This one little planet - earth - is all we know much about today, but in another half century, our earth will be only one of many planets in the universe we will know many things about. And even that will be just the beginning.

CONGO HESITANCY

The affairs of the past week or two in the Congo seem to prove beyond much doubt that unless United Nations soldiers take over the responsibility of maintaining order, conditions will deteriorate further.

The United Nations has demonstrated a hesitancy to act with decision regarding its troops in the Congo. In a sense, this is understandable, because no one relishes the idea of ordering United Nations soldiers to fire on Congolese troops.

As a result, the world has witnessed the spectacle of undisciplined soldiers in the Congo shooting and killing civilians, killing and capturing United Nations troops, and representatives, and so on.

The mortal danger which this kind of unchecked behavior brings is the danger that the people of the Congo will lose respect for U. N. troops. Also, to be forced to stand around and do nothing, and to take such abuse, is certain to adversely affect the morale and discipline of U. N. troops.

The time for decisive action in the Congo may have arrived. Either the United Nations troops should take over the job of maintaining order and discipline, or they should withdraw. It would be better for them not to have been sent there than to fail and be chased out of the country, after exhibiting lack of purpose.

Unless decisive action is taken promptly, the U. N. will fail, civil war may break out all over the Congo, and many innocent people are likely to die. The decision is that simple, when boiled down to reality.

THE GOVERNORSHIP

The ideal situation for a candidate is to have no opposition. But this could be a short-sighted viewpoint. A lively contest is good for our democratic way of life.

The Times-Virginian has not announced a stand as to the next election for Governor of Virginia. It is felt among veteran political lecturers, that incumbent Attorney General Albertis Harrison will be the favored candidate. He is experienced in state affairs, and may be the top-heavy choice. However, we are of the opinion that it was a good thing that Lt. Governor A. E. Stephens has announced that he will "stay in the race" and make an active campaign. At the proper time, we will make up our mind whom to support. As of now, we simply say let us have a contest for one of the most honored and important positions in the gift of citizens of the Old Dominion.

Property Tax Equalization

All of us can think of things we would rather do than pay taxes. Yet, we have to pay them, in all shapes and sizes and forms. In some instances they are too high — primarily federal taxes.

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With equitable rates, the job of collection would be smoothed and the sense of injustice which burdens so many citizens would likewise be eliminated. Tax rate equity, moreover, is a sign of progress and good government and nothing else can be justified if one faces the issue.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

I read and re-read with great interest your article Mar. 16 on "The Crime News." I can go all the way with you, in the stand you take against the front page overplay of crimes, to me it is heart- sickening to see it. As you say, many things are published that, in my opinion, should never even be whispered. What can we expect of our young people when sin, and crime, are played up as to make it appear as some great heroic deed, in the newspapers, over the radio, and on TV. I believe if all of us would heed the advice in your article, and think more about the best things of life, the world would be so much better off for it, and there would not be so much of the sordid things to report. Thank you again for past favors, and to Mrs. Robinson for the nice things she said to me on the phone Fri. I need encouragement.

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4-H Club Calendar

JAN.- County-wide in-school project. Emphasis: Wildlife; Bird Feeders and Bird Houses

Game Laws.

FEB. 17.- County-wide Share the Fun Demination."

MARCH 4-7.- National 4-H Club Week.

31.- 4-H Advisory meeting.

APRIL 7.- County 4-H Dress Revue and exhibits.

8.- Demonstration Contest Day.

29.- District 4-H Contests, Lagwood College, Farmville.

MAY.- Individual 4-H Record Book Check. Individual one minute reports or exhibits to show project work in project.

25 or 30.- 4-H demonstration flower arrangement clinic.

JUNE, 1962- Appomattox, Buckingham and Fluvanna 4-H Camp at Holliday Lake.

June 25-30.- State 4H Short Course.

JULY.- Community 4-H Club Workshops.

17-22.- Conservation Camp.

JULY.- Community 4-H Club tours to individual projects and picnics.

SEPTEMBER.- Re-organize In-School Clubs. Emphasize all member's records due Oct. 15.

OCTOBER.- Achievement Month. Reorganize community clubs.

OCT. 15-15.- State 4-H Club Leaders Conference.

NOV. 26-30.- National 4-H Congress.

DEC.- The 1962 Club Year begins.

COMMENT ON SPORTS

By Pete Fritchie

Washington, D. C., March 22.- Last week we talked about the pennant race in the American League. This week we'll take a closer look at things in the National the older league, and the only remaining right-team Major League.

The team to beat on the strength of 1960's lessons, must be the Pittsburgh Pirates. However, the Pirates might not enjoy things as much in 1961 as they did last season, for one thing the Pirates got off to a good lead last year, and they held on firmly until the end.

The Cardinals and Braves challenged, but they couldn't pull the pirates down long enough to crawl over them in the scramble. Los Angeles was a disappointment to many last year. They should be sick in the fight this year, or it could be Leo Durocher as manager next year.

Milwaukee and Charlie Dressen are a question - mark problem. The ace pitchers of the Braves aren't getting any younger and even though two men on the pitching staff threw no-hitters at the enemy last season, they can't go on forever. We hope Warren Spahn does, however, and also Lew Burdette, for that mater.

Dressen thought he had it made last season with the Braves, but he didn't knock any buildings down and Fred Haney looked better and better as a manager as the 1960 season wore on. So Charlie is out to his year to redeem himself.

The Cardinals were the 1960 surprise under Solly Hemus. They are great pitching and they must be counted as contenders on the strength of their 1960 record. It could be nice to see old Stan Musial with one more pennant winner before he hangs up the shoes. But the Cards will have to beat the Pirates and Braves, and maybe the Dodgers, if they get there.

The San Francious Giants could take a run for it too. They certainly have a team with great power and much talent. It depends on the job done by new manager Alvin Dark. As the reader may know, now, the Giants needed late-inning pitching last year to hold the leads they often had, but couldn't find it and fizzled out.

The Pirates must be the favorites, and then the Braves, Cardinals, Dodgers and Giants, in that order, is the way it must stack up now. But there is usually a surprise team — last year the Cards — which comes along to upset the applecart.

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Farm Agent News

J. A. Smith

and County Institute — March 27: Between 800 and 900 are expected to attend the Lynchburg Area Town and Country Institute, Monday at Lynchburg College.

Each discussion areas have been arranged beginning at 9:30 A. M. and concluding at mid-afternoon.

Ideas for home and farm are stressed.

Items will make profits? Changes can farmers make in them costs are up and prices are to down? Should farm operations become more intensive or less? Can money spent wisely when borrowed, make money? These and other subject matters will be presented.

Appomattox farmers and homemakers are urged to take advantage of the opportunity.

Feeder Pigs: In 1960, 13,984 feeder pigs were sold through organized sales and brought $213,- 000. More than doubled the number and dollars in 1959. The average price per pig was $15.30.

Corn: 1960, 80,096 bushels of corn were sold from Appomattox farms. Most have been fed through to produce more money. The average corn yield was 35.5 bushels per acre. Cost for producing a bushel was approximately 82c, thus an acre profit nets $17.04, or for the total crop, $38,446.08. This figure assumes at if corn brought $1.30 per bushel.

Two materials are recommended for those growers who did not apply heptachlor last fall. They are Malathion and Methoxychlor.

Detailed information on the use of these two materials is available from the county agent's office.

Feeder Calf Sale set for April 6.— Calves weighing 300 - 1,000 pounds eligible for consignment. Vaccination for blackleg and shipping fever must be completed by March 25. A fee of 50c must accompany the nomination.

Heifers must be from Bangs and T. B. tested herds and vaccinated for bangs. Nominations are due now.

Bolivia proclaims state of siege in nation.

FATHER - SON BANQUET OF LOCAL F. F. A.

Larry Torrence, president of the Robert E. Lee FFA Chapter, presided as the Future Farmers held their annual Father-Son Banquet. Banquet was held in the Appomattox Elementary School Cafeteria. Congressman Watkins Abbitt attended and presented the Chapter with a United States Flag which has flown over the Capitol building in Washington. Approximately 150 FFA members their fathers and other guest attended.

Mr. W. C. Dudley, area supervisor of vocational agriculture presented the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree to Elliott Torrence of Route 2, Appomattox. Mr. Torrence is father of the chapter president, Larry.

Awarding the Chapter Star Farmer pin to president Larry Torrence was one of the highlights of the program. Gerald Edwards, State FFA vice president presented FFA Foundation Awards to other members as follows: Farm Electrification to Billy Slagle; Livestock Farming to Donald Moore; Soil and Water Management to Dillard Franklin; Forestry to Dillard Franklin; Dairy Farming to Rodger Franklin; Farm Mechanics to Larry Torrence; and Public Speaking to Joel Carnefix.

Charles Farriss, of Rustburg, State FFA president brought greetings to the group from the Virginia Association of FFA.

Hunter Tolley Jr. and Leroy Williamson used slide pictures and a presentation to explain the Chapter's program of work. Teddy Garrett, chapter sentinel welcomed the guest and Joel Carnefix, chapter vice-president introduced the guest. Larry Torrence, chapter president, was master of ceremonies.

The meal was served by Mrs. Fay Lawson and the Appomattox Elementary Cafeteria Staff.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

The sun shines exactly half of the 24-hour day and the other half is night. Generally speaking, on that day the earth's axis is perpendicular to the plane of the earth's orbit.

What actually happens on March 20th - the day that Spring arrives?

The tilt of the earth, moving from one area to another, is caught when the earth's axis stand perpendicular to the plane of its orbit around the sun-and if the earth did not lean, or tilt, then there would be no season. Night and day would be of equal length and our weather would be affected.

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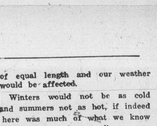

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